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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: GOA EXTENDS QUOTA

PERIOD ON TEXTILES, APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR

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1. MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND MINISTER FOR BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAVE ANNOUNCED 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF QUOTA PERIOD APPLYING TO IMPORTS OF TEXTILES, APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR. QUOTA PERIOD FOR TEXTILES AND APPAREL HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO AUGUST 31, 1978 AND FOOTWEAR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 1978. INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC) HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REPORT BY MAY 31, 1977 ON SUPPLEMENTARY LEVELS OF QUOTAS TO APPLY DURING ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS PERIOD.

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WM MINISTERS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT REFERENCES HAVE BEEN SENT TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY (TAA) AND IAC ON QUESTION OF SHORT-TERM PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR CERTAIN TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS NOT COVERED BY EXISTING QUOTA ARRANGEMENTS. QUESTION ON NEED FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF TIRE CORD FABRIC HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO TAA AND IAC HAS BEEN

ASKED TO REPORT ON SHORT TERM ASSISTANCE TO THE WOOL TEXTILES AND SPUN YARNS INDUSTRIES. THE REPORT ON IRE CORD FABRICS IS REQUIRED BY JUNE 10, 1977 AND THE WOOL TEXTILES AND SPUN YARN REPORT IS REQUIRED BY JULY 4, 1977. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO RECALL RECENT REFERENCE TO TAA ON QUESTION OF PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS OF CARPETS AND CARPETING (SEE REF A).

3. GOA'S DECISIONS FOLLOW A RECENT SPECIAL REVIEW OF THE TEXTILES, APPAREL AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES, MOTIVATED BY UNEASINESS AT THE STATE OF EMPLOYMENT IN THESE INDUSTRIES. CURRENT QUOTAS HAVE NOT ACHIEVED THE DESIRED EFFECT OF MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT, AND RECENT FIGURES SHOW THAT EMPLOYMENT IN THESE INDUSTRIES IN JANUARY 1977 IS 12,000 FEWER THAN IN JANUARY 1976. MINISTERS' PRESS RELEASE STATED THAT CURRENT QUOTA LEVELS APPEARED TO BE TOO HIGH, AND CARRIED THE WARNING THAT "IMPORTERS SHOULD BEAR CLEARLY IN MIND THAT IF THE EXISTING EMPLOYMENT AND MARKET TRENDS CONTINUE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE QUOTAS FOR THE ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS PERIOD AT AN ANNUAL RATE LOWER THAN THAT CURRENTLY OPERATING IN THE 1977-78 QUOTA YEAR, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITY".

4. GOA'S DECISION TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF QUOTA LEVELS, RATHER THAN EXTEND THEM AT CURRENT LEVELS, AND ITS WARNING TO IMPORTERS SUGGEST THAT GOA EXPECTS THE TAA AND IAC TO RECOMMEND REDUCTION OF PRESENT TARIFF QUOTA LEVELS AND/OR INTRODUCTION OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS NOT NOW UNDER QUOTA.

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